

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 1, 2013**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller  
James Layman  
Aaron David  
Darrell Pollesch  
Ernest Borchardt

**Also Present:** James Mielke, County Administrator; Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Michelle Kenning, Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation:** Motion made by David to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Layman. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Layman to approve Minutes of October 3, 2013; second by David. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Miller passed out a Notice for the December meeting of the Dodge County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:**

Ms. Miller reported on the TAD grant proposal and encouraged committee members to contact their representatives in Madison in support of this.

Judge Storck explained TAD to the committee. This is a risk assessment to supplement the DA's office and Judges. He also explained the state COMPAS program used by probation and parole which is also a risk assessment that assists the Courts. TAD starts at the time a person is arrested.

Recommendations were made from the security meeting to move forward with improvements to the security station at the Justice Facility. Judge Storck explained the differences to the committee between the options that had been looked at and showed the committee proposed materials that were to be used.

Other security projects were replacing courtroom microphone stands, putting "fob" (security card) locks for the holding cells, securing doors to the back hall and installation of security

cameras in the back halls. Another item mentioned was the use of portable duress buttons – the 2 bailiffs do not have these right now.

Regarding personnel changes, it was reported that the Family Court Administrative Assistant's last day is today, and that the new person, who will be based in Judicial Reception, will start on January 2, 2014.

The Court changed its legal research provider to Westlaw. While there was an increase in monthly charges, Westlaw had a special with free months so the cost is approximately the same. The program itself is a higher quality program. While the Courts could spend between \$30,000 and \$35,000 annually when maintaining the law library, the \$470 per month spent for Westlaw includes all judges, court commissioner, corporation counsel and the Child Support Agency so the cost of legal research has come way down.

The video conferencing system currently is not working. Although the video system is only three years old, the Codec equipment needs to be sent in for repairs. In the meantime, the Sheriff's Department will have to transport more inmates because video is not available.

Michelle Kenning from the Clerk of Court's Office is organizing informational meetings regarding the new performance review procedure.

There was a discussion regarding treatment of juvenile offenders and the high cost to either state or county depending on how they are sentenced. The cost of housing in a state institution by charging as an adult is less than the cost for a 17 year old in a juvenile treatment facility. The counties are not in a position to bear the costs of these facilities.

Mental health issues remain to be a concern because of the difficulty in trying to fix a problem when the funds are not available.

**Clerk of Courts Report:** None

**Child Support Report:** None

**District Attorney Report:** DA Klomberg and Atty. Barrington are going to the State Conference next week in Appleton where Klomberg will be teaching prosecutor safety.

Attorney Barrington reported that the Richland County DA's office will be visiting their office to check out the way Dodge County runs the paperless office.

**Medical Examiner Report:** Because of the increase in amounts of autopsies required, Mr. Schoebel may need to ask for funds from the contingency fund.

**Sheriff Department Report:** Scott Smith reported that the Sheriff is part of the DOJ training and standards committee, being involved in domestic abuse issues and training at the recruitment level.

\$2000 has been received from the sale of a forfeited vehicle, and the 2004 Dodge Ram truck from a drug seizure is now a task force vehicle being used by one of the detectives.

\$18,500 from the ICS contract has been designated to pay for MDC purchases.

Vintage Auto Parts has made a \$300 contribution that went to the Crime Prevention Fund.

Supervisor Borchardt questioned status of recent incident in Town of Ashippun involving a search of a person that had fled officers. Supervisor Borchardt also asked how Code Red was used in notifying citizens. Scott explained the pursuit and search for the man became a SWAT Team activation, in part because that Team has trained as a group in searching areas for fleeing suspects. This training is called Manhunt Training. Scott also explained that Code Red was utilized as a tool to inform citizens in the area of the on-going search and the need for them to be vigilant to any suspicious activities; also the need for them to insure vehicles, garage doors, and doors to their residences were secured. Scott further explained that we are working to increase the calling list, in Code Red, to include more cell phone numbers and supplement the land line calling list that already exists.

**Other business:**

Jim Mielke reported on the contract beds in the Detention Facility. The number of contract beds is slightly down, but holding steady.

The Federal shut down did not have any effect on the 2014 budget projections

**Next Meeting:** Friday, December 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by David to adjourn meeting; second by Layman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m..

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.



Aaron David, Secretary



Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary